

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES AND DECISION RECORD

27 February 2025

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool.

Present:

Councillor: Karen Oliver (In the Chair)

Councillors: Ben Clayton, Fiona Cook, Sue Little, Corinne Male and Christopher Wallace

Parish Council Representatives:

Lyn Noble, Dalton Piercy Parish Council

Stephen Smith, Greatham Parish Council

Officers: Tony Hanson, Executive Director of Development, Neighbourhoods and Regulatory Services
Kieran Bostock, Assistant Director, Neighbourhood Services
Angela Armstrong, Principal Democratic Services and Legal Support Officer

38. Chair's Announcement

The Chair passed on the Committee's regards to Councillor Young who had been taken ill recently and wished him a speedy recovery.

39. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Young.

40. Declarations of Interest

None.

41. Minutes

- (i) Minutes of the meeting held 27 January 2025 – received.
- (ii) Minutes of the meeting of the Emergency Planning Joint Committee held on 7 January 2025 – received.

42. Matters arising from the minutes

In response to a request for clarification, the Chair indicated that the importance of local authority Elected Member representation at meetings of Emergency Planning Joint Committee had been reiterated to those appointed, while the Chair of the Local Resilience Forum advised that he has also raised with the relevant local authority officers.

43. Hartlepool Local Development Scheme (LDS) *(Assistant Director, Neighbourhood Services)*

Type of decision

Key decision – DNRS 03/25

Purpose of report

To request that Members endorse the 2025 Local Development Scheme, not 2024 as stated in the report, prior to its submission to the Secretary of State, see Appendix 1.

Issue(s) for consideration

The Assistant Director, Neighbourhood Services presented a report that informed the Committee that Local Planning Authorities (LPA) had been advised by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government that a Local Plan timeframe should be set within their Local Development Scheme (LDS). This should be submitted to the Government by 6 March 2025. The 2018 Local Plan set out the land use vision and strategy for the borough. The report included further details on the Local Development Scheme and the current Local Plan. It was noted that Officers would commence the next Local Plan in January 2028 and the detailed reasons for this timescale were included in the report.

In response to a request for clarification, the Executive Director of Development, Neighbourhoods and Regulatory Services indicated that there were very strict guidelines to implement compulsory purchase orders (CPO) which also proved very costly, and added that the only CPO the Council were actively pursuing at the moment related to the Elwick Transport Scheme, which has Full Council approval.

A Parish Council representative indicated that the Parish Councils were currently working on the Rural Neighbourhood Plan with assistance from Officers in the Planning Department. It was suggested that the involvement of the Parish Liaison Meeting through the Parish Charter would be an ideal opportunity to work in collaboration on the Rural Neighbourhood Plans and ultimately the Local Plan.

Decision

The Local Development Scheme was endorsed for submission to the Secretary of State.

The meeting concluded at 10.15am

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DIRECTOR OF LEGAL, GOVERNANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES

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